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## First battle space transition in Nineveh Province

**MOSUL, IRAQ** – Over 500 soldiers from the Coalition Forces and the Iraqi Army came together for a battle-space assumption handover ceremony Dec. 27.

For the first time within the Nineveh Province of Iraq, the 3rd Iraqi Army Division assumed military control of battlespace.

One of the Coalition Forces main efforts is to build capable Iraqi Army battalions, brigades and divisions through partnership and transition teams. This effort has enabled the Iraqi people to have increased confidence in the capability and credibility of its security forces.

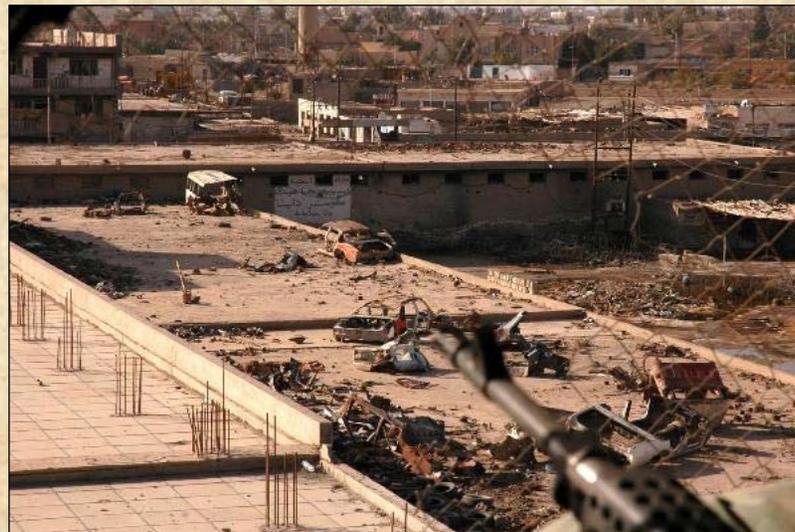
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## Teamwork clearing Ramadi streets

**CAMP BLUE DIAMOND, AR RAMADI, Iraq** – Iraqi Army soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 1st Brigade, 7th Division working alongside of 2nd Brigade Combat Team (28th Infantry Division) are clearing the streets of known insurgents in western Ramadi. In the past two days, IA forces have detained five targeted insurgents, to include Jassim Mohammed Fayadh, a high value insurgent leader allegedly responsible for financing terrorism in the Tammim neighborhood and known to have supplied arms and munitions to Al Qaeda in Iraq. The four additional detainees are under investigation for coordinating insurgent attacks and activities, including the storage and transportation of weapon systems and munitions. “Our battalion has been working in western Ramadi with the Coalition Forces for the last eight months. During that time, we have fought and captured many insurgents. Yesterday was a big step to bringing safety and security to this area for our local citizens and their families. We will continue to work with our coalition partners to bring security to western Ramadi,” said Lt. Col. Mustafa, Commanding Officer, 1-1-7 IA.



**A view of western Ramadi, from an observation post.**

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***Iraqi Army Soldiers train in combat advance formations in Tikrit.***



***Iraqi Army Soldiers train in combat search and seize maneuvers in Tikrit.***

## **ISF rescues kidnapping victim, arrests three**

**TIKRIT, Iraq** – Iraqi Police and Army units successfully rescued the brother of a Salah Ad Din Provincial Council member and arrested three suspects after a failed kidnapping attempt in Tikrit Dec. 29.

Police chased the kidnappers from Tikrit to the village of al Alam, about 10 miles east of the city, before the suspects abandoned their vehicle and dragged their victim into a nearby house. As the officers approached the building, the kidnappers opened fire on them.

The police secured the area around the house and called for support from a 1st Brigade, 4th Iraqi Army Division unit stationed nearby.

The Iraqi troopers, augmented by U.S. Soldiers from the 3rd Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, entered the house and quickly subdued the suspects.

No one was injured during the incident and the suspects were taken into custody by the police who are investigating the incident